

### **Amended Independent Claims**

I would like to go over how I think I should modify my claims to meet the requirements of Section 101 with you also. I am listing them below so that we can discuss them when we speak on Tuesday afternoon.

16 - 28 (cancelled)

29. (new): A method for constructing a contract by specifying basic option terms and a methodology that uses an option pricing model that will determine the value of said contract,  
whereby financial leverage can be achieved in a way that is simpler and more cost- effective than by using traditional options.
30. (new): The method of claim 29 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of physical property.
31. (new): The method of claim 29 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of debt obligation.
32. (new): The method of claim 29 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of equity security.
33. (new): The method of claim 29 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of derivative contract or index.
34. (new): A method for constructing a contract that is used to compensate a company's managers and other employees by specifying basic option terms and a methodology that uses an option pricing model that will determine the value of said contract,

whereby financial leverage can be achieved in a way that is simpler and more cost-effective than by using traditional incentive stock options.

35. (new): The method of claim 34 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of physical property.

36. (new): The method of claim 34 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of debt obligation.

37. (new): The method of claim 34 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of equity security.

38. (new): The method of claim 34 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of derivative contract or index.

39. (new): A method for constructing a contract that will be traded on an exchange by specifying basic option terms and a methodology that uses an option pricing model that will determine the value of said contract,

whereby financial leverage can be achieved in a way that is simpler and more cost-effective than by using traditional exchange-traded options.

40. (new): The method of claim 39 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of physical property.

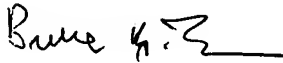
41. (new): The method of claim 39 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of debt obligation.

42. (new): The method of claim 39 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of equity security.

43. (new): The method of claim 39 that is used to exchange value that is derived from any type of derivative contract or index.

Please accept my apologies, if I am sending this to you in the wrong format. I will endeavor to use a more formal, established, and technically correct approach when I file the actual amendment. I look forward to discussing this with you next Tuesday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bruce B. Thomas", followed by a horizontal line.

Bruce B. Thomas